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Re:

U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Appl. No. *To Be Assigned*; Filed: *August 2, 2000*For: Process for the Recovery of Organic Acids

Inventors: Kevin M. Moore and Alexandra J. Sanborn

Our Ref: 1533.0980001/SRL/PAJ

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- 1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05 (in duplicate):
- 2. 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time (in duplicate):
- 3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Process for the Recovery of Organic Acids

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and naming as inventors:

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the application comprising:

- a. specification containing:
 - i. 12 pages of description prior to the claims:
 - ii. 6 pages of claims (45 claims):
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract: and
- 4. Two (2) return postcards.

It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached postcards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other, prepaid postcard, be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible.

This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration and without filing fee.

Respectfully submitted.

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Sir:

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge all required extension of time fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036, if such fees are not otherwise provided for in such reply. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

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